



## Montana Law Enforcement Appreciation Poster Contest

Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen and the Montana Highway Patrol are hosting the first annual Montana Law Enforcement Appreciation Poster Contest for elementary school students in Montana to promote public safety and show appreciation for Montana's law enforcement officers.

This year's contest is dedicated to MHP Trooper Lewis Johnson for his bravery while apprehending a suspect on February 16. During the incident, Trooper Johnson was run over by the suspect and sustained serious injuries. He has been a trooper with the Highway Patrol for eight years and is stationed in Eureka.

### 2023 Montana Law Enforcement Appreciation Poster Contest

#### Contest Rules

1. Applicants must be in elementary school.
2. Artwork should reflect why the student appreciates law enforcement.
3. Artwork should be showcased using at least one of the following: acrylics, watercolor, pencils, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons, and pastels. Artwork that has been digitally produced is not allowed.
4. The preferred size for posters is 8.5 x 14 inches. Submissions that are 8.5x11 and 11x17 will also be allowed.
5. To complete the submission, the applicant must also include a brief biography and a completed application (below).

### Judging Criteria

1. Incomplete submissions will be disqualified. Posters must also be a correct size, or the submission may not be accepted.
2. Artwork will be judged on:
  - a. Creativity
  - b. Originality
  - c. Understanding of topic
3. Written applications will be judged on:
  - a. Comprehension of the theme
  - b. Clarity
  - c. Grade level appropriate writing

### Awards

1. A regional winner will be selected in each Montana Highway Patrol district. Each regional winner will receive an ice cream social delivered by the Department of Justice. (See attached map.)
2. From the regional winners, one statewide winner will be chosen. The statewide winner and their class will receive a visit from Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen, MHP Colonel Steve Lavin, and local law enforcement. The winner will also have the opportunity to go on a ride along with Col. Lavin. The winning poster will also be displayed in Montana Highway Patrol offices and made available to law enforcement offices across the state.

### Timeline

1. Submissions are due to the Montana Department of Justice by **April 15, 2023**.
2. Winners will be notified April 28, 2023.
3. The statewide winner will be announced and celebrate with Attorney General Knudsen and the Montana Highway Patrol.

### Submit your application

1. Mail your application to:  
Attorney General's Office  
ATTN: Law Enforcement Poster Contest  
215 N. Sanders  
Helena, MT 59601
2. The application should include:
  - a. The original artwork
  - b. Contest application
  - c. Release form
3. Contact the Montana Attorney General's Office at 406-444-2026 with questions.

# Poster Contest Application

We're glad you've decided to participate in the Inaugural Montana Law Enforcement Appreciation Poster Contest! Please complete this application and have your parent/guardian fill out and sign the consent form before mailing us your application. In order to be considered for the contest, you must complete the entire application.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Educator's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Educator's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Salutation (circle one):**

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

**Principal's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Salutation (circle one):**

Mr. / Mrs. /Ms.

Explain why you created this poster and what it means to you: (100 words or less)

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Biography: Tell us about yourself. (100 words or less)

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# Parent/Guardian Release and Consent Form

I hereby grant permission to use and reproduce the picture of my child, \_\_\_\_\_, and use my child’s name in Montana Department of Justice related publications, news features, blogs, or other advertisements relating to the Montana Law Enforcement Appreciation Poster Contest. I also grant permission for my child to participate in any interviews with media relating to this event. I understand that any written statements may be edited or used, in whole or in part, or adapted with other materials, and I hereby waive all rights of privacy, compensation, control, or royalties that I may have.

I have read this document before signing below and warrant that I fully understand its contents.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

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Email Address



**Legend**

System	Circle
— non interstate	• city/town
— non non-interstate	• metropolitan
— primary	• state capital
— secondary	• urban
— urban	★ East Asia
— interstate	• Gold Coast
— non-interstate	
— primary	
— secondary	
— urban	
— interstate	
— non-interstate	
— primary	
— secondary	
— urban	

